

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Assignee's Rep. Robert J. Pechman (Reg. No. 45002) on 02/17/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6 has been amended as follows:

6. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A data storage device of claim 5 comprising:
a base plate having a top surface;
a spindle motor positioned on the top surface of the base supporting one or more data storage discs for rotation on the spindle motor;
an actuator assembly positioned on the top surface of the base plate adjacent the data storage disc; and
a flex printed circuit board assembly on the top surface of the base plate, the flex printed circuit board assembly including a stiffener attached to a bottom surface of a flexible printed circuit, and having actuator and motor electronic control components thereon, wherein the stiffener is metal and forms a ground plane for the circuitry on the flexible printed circuit.
2. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 were cancelled on 01/30/2009.

Conclusion

3. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (571) 272-7597. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon & Fri, 9:30AM to 7:30PM, Tues-Thurs after 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea L. Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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